

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining “_” denotes additions and strikethrough “-” denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of arranging for an electronically-recorded message to be delivered to a communication medium of a recipient at a selected time, said method comprising the steps of:

recording the message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;

inputting an access code for accessing the communication medium of the recipient; and
indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the recipient.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:
indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the recipient directly receives the message.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a recipient after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not directly receive the message.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of:
indicating a maximum re-send message number used to re-send the message to a recipient
a maximum number of times when the recipient does not directly receive the message.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
indicating a re-send message number used to re-send the message to a recipient a number
of times.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication medium is a
telephone.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the access code is a telephone
number for the telephone.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication medium is a
voicemail mailbox.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the access code is a voicemail
mailbox number.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the message is retractable by
canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a recipient at a selected time, said method comprises the steps of:

recording the message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;

inputting an access code for accessing the communication medium of the recipient;

indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the recipient; and

sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the recipient when the time reaches the delivery time.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of:
inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:
indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:
indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the recipient directly receives the message.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:
indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a recipient after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not directly receive the message.

19. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium is a telephone.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the access code is a telephone number for the telephone.

21. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.

23. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the message is retractable by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronically-recorded message to oneself at a selected time, said method comprising the steps of:

recording the message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;

inputting an access code for accessing a communication medium of oneself;

indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to the communication medium of oneself; and

sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of oneself when the time reaches the delivery time.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the message comprises a plurality of messages, and the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:

inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of:
indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of
the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of:
indicating whether the message should only be delivered if oneself directly receives the
message.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of:
indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to oneself after a re-send
delay period if oneself does not directly receive the message.

30. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the communication medium is a
telephone.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the access code is a telephone
number for the telephone.

32. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the communication medium is a
voicemail mailbox.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the access code is a voicemail
mailbox number.

34. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the message is retractable by
canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

35. (Currently Amended) A system for arranging for an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a recipient at a selected time, said system comprising:

- means for recording a message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;
- means for inputting an access code for accessing a communication medium of a recipient;
- means for indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the recipient; and
- means for sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the recipient when the time reaches the delivery time.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36, further comprising:

- means for inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:

- means for indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, further comprising:

- means for indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the recipient directly receives the message.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:

- means for indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a recipient after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not directly receive the message.

41. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium is a telephone.
42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the access code is a telephone number for the telephone.
43. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.
44. (Original) The system of claim 43, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.
45. (Original) The system of claim 35, further comprising:
means for retracting the message by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.
46. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the recipient comprises oneself thereby arranging for an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of oneself.
47. (Currently Amended) A system for sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a recipient at a selected time, said system comprising:
means for recording a message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;
means for inputting an access code for accessing a communication medium of a recipient;
means for indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the recipient;
means for keeping track of a clock time; and
means for sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the recipient when the time reaches the delivery time.

48. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

49. (Original) The system of claim 48, further comprising:
means for inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

50. (Original) The system of claim 49, further comprising:
means for delivering the message at a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

51. (Original) The system of claim 50, further comprising:
means for determining whether the message should only be delivered if the recipient directly receives the message.

52. (Original) The system of claim 51, further comprising:
means for delaying for a period of time before re-sending the message to a recipient if the recipient does not directly receive the message.

53. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium is a telephone.

54. (Original) The system of claim 53, wherein the access code is a telephone number for the telephone.

55. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.

56. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.
57. (Original) The system of claim 47, further comprising:
means for retracting the message by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.
58. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the recipient comprises oneself thereby sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of oneself.